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1. AFTER HAVING CAREFULLY REVIEWED COMMENTS REFTEL A DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO AUTHORIZE SALE OF MINIGUNS TO GOU. WE SEE NO COMPELLING MILITARY REASONS FOR INTRODUCING MINIGUNS WHICH ARE REGARDED AS QUOTE A DIRTY WEAPON UNQUOTE INTO URUGUAY AT THIS TIME.

2. MOREOVER SINCE THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF THIS WEAPON AT PRESENT, WE MUST EXERCISE CAUTION IN AUTHORIZING ITS SALE ABROAD. FYI. IN GENERAL WE HAVE ADOPTED A WORLDWIDE POLICY OF RESTRAINING THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS
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NEW WEAPONS SYSTEM INTO FOREIGN INVENTORIES. FOR EXAMPLE,

WE RECENTLY DECIDED NOT TO INTRODUCE THE MINIGUN INTO THE MIDDLE EAST. END FYI. OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND MILITARY SALES PROGRAMS IN LATIN AMERICA HAVE BEEN RECEIVING INCREASING CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY AND THE PROVISION OF MINIGUNS TO A NATION IN THE ABSENCE OF A COMPELLING MILITARY NEED COULD CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE INSENSITIVE BOTH TO CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS AND TO OUR BASIC POLICY OF NOT TAKING THE LEAD IN INTRODUCING NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS INTO FOREIGN INVENTORIES IN THE ABSENCE OF A DEMONSTRATED NEED.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THREE 7
ROUND 2.75 IN. ROCKET PODS, AND ROCKETS ASSOCIATED WITH
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